



Newsletter April 2014



Dennis Martin with the first fish of Spring Opening Day

April Meeting on the 17th

The April meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 7:30. At this meeting we will have a grab bag and raffle of fishing items from the estate of our late friend and member, Bob Proctor. For \$10 each member will receive a grab bag full of great

stuff. Each member who buys a grab bag will be entered into a raffle for their pick of the larger items. Once you get your bag you can swap with everyone else to get what you really want. It'll be a fun evening, so be sure to come.

Opening Day April 5th

Opening day was on Saturday, April 5th. After a fantastic breakfast made by our team of cooks lead by Denis Martin. Our president, Mike Herman, and vice-president, Bob Timmerman assisted. These guys did a super job and 39 members ate heartily before taking on the fish. The fish were waiting. Within seconds of the opening bell, Dennis Martin

had the first fish on. The action was fast and furious for the first hour and then slowed down a little. Most members would agree that it was the fastest opening day action in years. Unfortunately, no one caught the golden trout to win the opening day pool. But the club comes out the winner, because the pool was added to the club treasury.

Fly Tying May 6th

The monthly fly tying class will be held on Tuesday, May 6th. The fun starts around 6:30 PM. Those interested can pay a few dollars to

share some pizza. This is a very fun evening - and everybody learns something too.

Dues for 2014

The annual dues will remain unchanged for 2014. Renewal rates are \$150/year for returning adult members and \$50/year for returning juniors. Junior Membership is for an individual between the ages of 14 and 17 who will not attain age 18 by October 1st of the billing year or until he or she ceases to be a full-time undergraduate student, whichever is later.

box or handed in at a monthly membership meeting.

You can mail your dues to

Needham Sportsman's Club
PO Box 920191
Needham MA 02492

Invoices were mailed at the end of December. Payment can be made by check or PayPal. Checks can be mailed to the club post office

You must pay your dues before you can fish in the club pond in 2014.

Property Improvements

Thanks to Eric Rockwood and his crew, the clubhouse windows have been replaced with new vinyl versions. This is a big improvement. Those cold winter nights

won't be quite so chilly now that the drafts from the windows are blocked.

Thanks to Brad Voight for setting up the new bench in front of the clubhouse.

Needham Fishing Derby

The annual kid's fishing derby sponsored by Needham Parks and Recreation will be held on May 3rd from 9:00 AM to Noon. This is a great event to introduce kids to fishing. The state stocks the Needham Reservoir with

several hundred trout. Rollie Johnson will lead a group of club members who help the contestants. So if you've got an hour or two on that Saturday morning, drop by and help a kid learn to fish.

New Lock

The installation of the new combination lock for the clubhouse has been completed. The old keys will no longer work on the front or the back doors. We are distributing the combination to members at meetings and other gatherings. If you can't make a meeting and

would like the combination you can call Doug Donaldson (781)449-1263 or Bob Lynch (781)449-3694. We won't be distributing the combination by email. Thanks to Doug Donaldson for arranging this.

Malden Anglers Cancelled

At the March meeting a tackle sale at Malden Anglers was announced. The planned sale has been cancelled.

Coming Events

The June meeting will be a family cookout on Sunday June 22nd. This is a great family event, so try to keep the date open.

Name Tags

This is a reminder that members should display their membership cards when fishing the club pond. If you aren't displaying it, don't be surprised if someone asks you for your card.



Kevin Walsh with a golden trout caught on April 8th

Fishing Report

The fishing has slowed a little after the great start on opening day, but the fish are still there and they still want to eat. Trout up to 25 inches have been landed. Prince nymphs (#12 – 14) have been catching a lot of fish, but other flies including woolly buggers and

streamers have been working. Some fish are focusing on midges, so small (#16 - 18) emergers and wet flies are working. There has been some action on dry flies too (caddis). It's a great part of the season so get out there and give it a try!

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